

BUILDING SERVICES FISCAL YEAR 2008 – 2009

Statement of Purpose

The mission of Catawba County Building Services Division is to provide consistent, timely, and courteous advice and service to customers, contractors, businesses, homeowners, and the general public through the application of the State Building Code. The focus of the Service is to protect public safety by ensuring all buildings are built to code specifications while promoting economic development through a partnership with the building industry. The operations of the Building Services Division have as its foundation four guiding principles: protecting the public; providing the best possible customer service; promoting economic development; and ensuring consistency in the application of Codes and treatment of customers.

Outcomes

1. Provide for the continued safety and health of the citizens of Catawba County by ensuring that all construction meets the North Carolina state building codes through a 95% accuracy rate in inspections. This accuracy will be monitored and quantified by performing a minimum of two quality control inspections per Building Official per month.
2. Ensure citizens receive quality customer service from Building Services Officials by:
 - a. Maintaining a customer service satisfaction rating of 95% or above as evidenced by customer survey reports.
 - b. Resolving 98% of all customer service complaints within 24 hours as measured by recorded complaints and follow up actions.
 - c. Participating in eight (8) hours of training in customer service-related issues such as communication, skill building and tact, diffusion of adversarial situations and problem resolution. The objective is to perform building inspection duties with exceptional customer service skills as measured by customer survey reports.
 - d. Conducting 90% of all requested inspections the next day or on the contractors requested inspection date as measured by inspection logs.
 - e. Fulfilling 100% of requests for inspection services within two working days measured by inspection logs.
3. Provide a higher degree of efficiency, to the citizens of Catawba County, within the Building Services Division through the full implementation of Mobile Highway. Increased inspection hours for Building Services Officials by four hours weekly per official, thus increasing the inspection rate to between 10 and 14 inspections per day per official. An increase in staffing levels will be recommended before the inspection rate consistently reaches 16 inspections per day per official.

4. Assist in maintaining an accurate structures layer in the Catawba County Geospatial Information Services (GIS) system in order to provide accurate data to the citizens of Catawba County. By capturing 100% of required structures through the use of Global Positioning System (GPS) equipment and working with the Catawba County GIS Department to maintain structure layers.
5. Control the cost of training and education by providing certification training and education for inspectors locally in Catawba County when cost effective with the goal of providing a minimum of 60% of all required training locally.